

REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended to call for a rate control unit to adjust a bit rate of an output from said compression block by adjusting quantization parameters. Support for the amendment may be found in paragraph 23. As explained there, the rate control block 270 may increase the quantization parameters to bring the bit rate down to a target bit rate and may modify quantization parameters to increase the output bit rate of the block 260. Otherwise, there may be a difference in data rates from the compressed stream due to the different frame stores 220 and 280 in the encoder and decoder, respectively.

Therefore, reconsideration is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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